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N.C.A. Technical Conference on Cherry Quality

The N.C.A. technical conference for processors of red sour cherries, held in Detroit March 10-11 in cooperation with the Agricultural Research Service and the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA, was attended by approximately 75 canners, freezers, growers, and personnel of public research agencies.

The program was devoted almost exclusively to problems of production, handling, and processing which affect cherry quality. The program opened with introductory remarks by Dr. C. H. Mahoney, Director of the N.C.A. Raw Products Research Bureau, and a talk on the physiology of the sour cherry fruit in relation to quality, by Dr. G. A. Borgstrom of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

Presided over by Max D. Reeder, Chairman of the N.C.A. Raw Products Technical Advisory Committee, the program then consisted of panel discussions, as follows: cultural practices influencing cherry quality, with Dr. Roy Magruder of USDA as moderator; harvesting and handling practices influencing cherry quality, with Ray T. Floate of Michigan Fruit Canners, Inc., as moderator; cherry scald —its causes and effects, with Dr. Ira I. Somers, Director of the N.C.A. Research Laboratories, as moderator; and grade relationship studies, with Ben Miles of Alton Canning Co., Inc., as moderator. Participants in each of these panels were research specialists of the state agricultural experiment stations in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York.

The two-day conference was attended by many cherry packers from the East and Midwest and one from Utah. Those present indicated that they obtained much new information on the factors affecting cherry quality, and it was the consensus that similar meetings should be held from time to time.

Research on Pear Decline

The Senate on March 11 passed and sent to conference the Second Supplemental Appropriation bill, H. R. 10881, making available $12,500 to the Agricultural Research Service of USDA for research on pear decline during the current fiscal year.

The $12,500 item recommended by the Senate Appropriations Committee was approved by the Senate March 10 when all Committee amendments were adopted en bloc.

Senate conferees are Senators Hayden (Ariz.), Russell (Ga.), Chavez (N. M.), Ellender (La.), Hill (Ala.), Bridges (N. H.), Saltonstall (Mass.), Young (N. D.), and Knowland (Calif.)

Expanded Studies of Pesticide Application Seen as Urgent

Expanded studies of pesticide application were emphasized as an urgent need in the opinion of USDA's Farm Equipment and Structures Research Advisory Committee.

At its annual meeting in Washington in February, the committee indicated that stress should be put on developing or improving methods and equipment for ground or air application of insecticides or fungicides to potatoes, vegetables, sugar beets, sugar cane, tree fruits, tobacco, grains, oilseed crops, and cotton.

In the area of research on crop harvesting, preparation and storage, the committee advised that further study is needed on the mechanization of vegetable, fruit, and tree-nut production, the handling, drying and storing of grain, and the physical and biological effects of electric-energy radiation on field seeds, stored grains and certain plant diseases.

Other research meriting high priority attention, according to the committee, includes:

Livestock production and management—Expanded research on time- and labor-saving on the farm through improvement of buildings, farm layout, equipment adaptation, and better work methods, and further studies on the influence of physical environment on farm animals and poultry.

President Burns Appoints 1958 N.C.A. Committees

President Edward E. Burns this week announced the membership of 20 N.C.A. committees to serve during 1958.

On pages 114-119 are published the complete list of committee personnel, with the chairman of each indicated, preceded by the names of the N.C.A. Officers, Board of Directors, and Administrative Council.

Farm structures and related problems—Greater effort to learn total water volume and peak water requirements for farm homesteads, and expanded work on the Cooperative Farm Building Plan Exchange to give extension services more assistance in providing plans for efficient farm houses and service buildings.

Economics and general problems—More economic research to help farmers keep abreast of technological advances, so that the new machines and equipment they use may prove profitable to them; also, a survey of farm use of water distribution equipment.

Citrus Group Urges Research To Reduce Hazard of Freezes

Studies aimed at producing cold-hardy citrus rootstocks and varieties, developing methods of inducing dormancy, evolving treatments to effect recovery from freezing, and making good economic use of injured fruit were urged by USDA's Citrus and Subtropical Fruit Research and Marketing Advisory Committee at its annual meeting in Washington in February.

All major citrus-producing areas face the hazard of frost damage, the committee pointed out, and are equally in need of research to help reduce it.

The committee also advised expanded research to market citrus products more efficiently. High on the priority list of needed marketing work is a proposal to give greater emphasis to study of storage and

market diseases of citrus fruits, avocados and mangos. Special attention should be given to the use of antibiotics, radiation treatments, and treatments with volatile materials, the committee said.

Other research cited as meriting high priority attention includes:

Utilization—More basic studies on the chemical composition of citrus and subtropical fruits and their products as a basis for new processes for making citrus products, improved methods of determining quality and purity, and new industrial and pharmaceutical uses; expanded research on objective measurements of processing and product quality and on the time-temperature tolerance of frozen citrus products.

Home economics—New research on the consumption of foods and on nutrient content of diets of individuals of different age and activity groups.

Production—An enlarged research program on citrus rootstock and breeding; expanded research on cold-hardiness and methods of inducing it; new research to develop and improve equipment and methods for harvesting and farm handling of citrus crops.

USDA domestic marketing services—Expanded work on the development and revision of grade standards for processed fruits and vegetables by a new emphasis on citrus fruits and fruit products.

Distribution Group Asks Study of Food Quality and Costs

A broad program of research to improve wholesale and retail distribution of food was called for by the USDA's Food Distribution Research and Marketing Advisory Committee at its annual meeting in Washington in January.

High on the list of investigations needed to assure better quality in foods available in retail stores is the development of new and improved methods and instruments that will accurately measure factors affecting quality or raw and processed agricultural commodities. Instrumental and chemical methods of appraising market quality of foods will tend to eliminate errors due to human judgment and lower sampling and inspection costs. The committee recommended that special attention be given to quality problems in meats, poultry, and frozen foods.

Other studies needed to maintain product quality, according to the committee, include research to develop new methods of preserving meat, poultry, and eggs, especially the use of antibiotics, radiation treatments, and inert-gas packaging as supplements to refrigeration. Deterioration of fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, and dairy products may also be substantially reduced through proper packaging. Intensified study to evaluate new packaging materials, modification of forms of packages, better ventilation, and better protection from mechanical damage are needed.

Also needed, in the committee's opinion, is expanded research to achieve greater distribution efficiency. Procedures and operating methods in retail, wholesale, and institutional establishments should be studied to uncover phases which may be improved and simplified. Such investigations should include, in addition to physical store layouts and equipment, the use made of labor and better office and accounting procedures. Expanded research is needed also, the committee said, to improve cafeteria food preparation, especially vegetable-cooking and salad-making operations. Better coordination of these activities should reduce labor costs materially.

In the area of market organization and development research, the committee called for a study of the market potential for food in public elementary and secondary schools. The study would attempt to find out the quantities of food delivered under various school food programs, the wholesale value of such food, and the market channels and buying practices used in the program.

In the area of development research, committee members also advised studies, to determine the commercial feasibility and consumer acceptance of new products, such as superconcentrated apple juice. This product, developed at USDA's Eastern Utilization Research and Development Division, Wyndmoor, Pa., offers promise as a beverage for home consumption.

Other research the committee considered worthy of high priority attention includes:

(1) New research to learn the requirements of container construction, markings, and sizes for efficient handling in both warehouses and retail stores.

(2) New studies to learn the comparative effects on food quality of such new heating methods as pressure and electronic cooking.

(3) New research to determine the changes in quality of frozen foods after they leave the retail store and are brought into the home.

1957 Pack of Pimientos

The 1957 pack of canned pimientos totaled 919,006 actual cases compared with the 1956 pack of 895,708 cases, according to a report by the N.C.A. Division of Statistics.

Container Size	Units per case	1956	1957
		(actual cases)	
Tin:			
No. 4 oz.	48	187,773	231,185
No. 7 oz.	24	116,391	130,108
No. 14 oz.	24	21,838	13,483
No. 2½	24	48,493	45,610
No. 10	6	24,014	18,170
Misc. tin	..	68	1,000
Glass:			
No. 2 oz. glass	48	192,798	227,024
No. 4 oz. glass	24	280,588	197,584
No. 7 oz. glass	24	23,164	54,412
No. 14 oz. glass	24	.....	.....
Misc. glass	..	581	430
U. S. Total		895,708	919,006

The pack total includes the pack of all canners packing pimientos in Alabama, California, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Tennessee.

Spinach for Processing

About 15 percent less spinach will be processed from the winter crop in Florida and early spring crop in California than in 1957, according to the Crop Reporting Board of USDA. The preliminary forecast of 1958 production in these two states is 60,000 tons compared with 71,400 tons obtained in 1957.

Harvesting was under way by March 1 in both states.

Excessive rains and unusually cold, frosty weather during Florida's winter season slowed plant growth and harvesting so that considerable acreage remained to be cut after March 1. Normally, growers would have the bulk of the tonnage harvested by that date.

In California harvesting started on February 20 in San Diego County and was expected to become active in Monterey and Santa Clara Counties early in March. Climatic conditions have been nearly ideal for spinach in all areas. Moderate temperatures enabled the crop to make excellent growth and it is two weeks ahead of a normal schedule in reaching harvest stage. Rains, although heavy, have been generally beneficial and only a small acreage was damaged by flooding.

Seasonal Group and State	Production		
	10-year ave. 1949-56 (tons)	1957 (tons)	1958 Preliminary (tons)
Winter:			
Florida	.....	3,700	3,600
Early Spring:			
California	50,200	67,700	57,000

Green Peas for Processing

The acreage of green peas to be planted for processing in 1958 is expected to be 15 percent less than the acreage planted last year, according to the USDA Crop Reporting Board.

Reductions from last year's acreage are indicated for all states except Indiana and Delaware. Cuts exceeding 10 percent are reported for New York, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Maryland, Virginia, Oregon, and California.

The prospective acreage to be planted for canning is 298,100 acres, 15 percent less than planted last year and 12 percent below average. Most of this reduction is in prospect in the Central states. If abandonment is average, about 280,000 acres would be available for harvest. On such an acreage yields equal to the 1955-57 average would produce about 312,000 tons. This would be 22 percent less than last year's 401,060 tons for canning and 4 percent below average.

Freezers report they plan on 112,100 acres, 16 percent less than plantings last year and only 3 percent below average. On this acreage, with average abandonment, about 105,000 acres should be available for harvest, and average yields would result in a crop of about 130,000 tons, 18 percent less than the 1957 crop for freezing.

State	Planted Acreage: 10-year ave. 1947–56	1957	1958 Prospective	Percent change from 1957
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	
Maine	7,800	7,200	6,800	− 6
N. Y.	25,500	16,500	13,500	−18
Pa.	13,500	10,700	10,000	− 7
Ind.	3,100	2,600	2,800	+ 8
Ill.	25,900	31,000	24,300	−22
Mich.	6,100	6,200	5,300	−15
Wis.	130,400	139,400	114,000	−18
Minn.	56,000	63,000	51,000	−19
Del.	2,800	6,100	6,200	+ 2
Md.	9,000	10,500	9,100	−13
Va.	2,200	2,500	1,100	−56
Idaho	11,900	12,200	11,100	− 9
Wash.	64,500	77,400	76,000	− 2
Ore.	57,600	67,300	53,800	−20
Calif.	9,700	9,500	5,800	−39
Other states [1]	27,600	21,370	19,400	− 9
U. S. Total	453,600	483,490	410,200	−15
For freezing	116,000	134,230	112,100	−16
East and Central		43,980	38,300	−13
West		90,250	73,800	−29
For canning and other processing	337,600	349,260	298,100	−15
East and Central		261,310	213,600	−18
West		87,950	84,500	− 4

[1] Ark., Colo., Iowa, Kans., Mo., Mont., Nebr., N. J., Ohio, Okla., Tenn., Utah., W. Va., and Wyo.

Tomatoes for Processing

The prospective acreage to be planted to tomatoes for processing this year is 318,150 acres, about 1 percent above the 314,900 acres planted last year but 14 percent below average, according to the Crop Reporting Board of USDA.

No marked changes in acreage from last year are expected in major producing states. Assuming average abandonment, about 312,000 acres could be harvested in 1958. If yields equal the average of the last three years, such an acreage might produce approximately 3,600,000 tons. At this level, production would be 9 percent larger than the 1957 crop.

This report on prospective acreage of tomatoes was advanced by USDA to make it more serviceable. It is based on reports from processors in early March.

State	Planted Acreage: 10-year ave. 1947–56	1957	1958 Prospective	Percent change from 1957
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	
N. Y.	19,000	13,500	12,200	−10
N. J.	28,700	21,300	21,300	....
Pa.	23,600	19,000	21,500	+13
Ohio	21,500	20,500	21,000	+ 2
Ind.	46,000	31,000	32,000	+ 3
Ill.	10,900	9,700	9,400	− 3
Mich.	7,700	8,200	8,200	− 1
Wis.	1,300	700	750	+ 7
Iowa	1,700	1,800	1,400	−22
Mo.	4,700	1,600	1,500	− 6
Del.	5,100	3,400	3,500	+ 3
Md.	23,600	10,200	10,800	+ 6
Va.	16,300	10,100	10,000	− 1
S. C.	1,600	1,800	1,700	− 6
Fla.	6,100	7,600	7,000	− 8
Ky.	2,200	1,300	1,400	+ 8
Ark.	6,800	1,800	1,800	....
Texas	17,800	9,500	9,000	− 5
Colo.	3,600	3,000	3,100	+ 3
Utah	6,900	6,100	6,100	....
Calif.	107,300	129,600	130,000	....
Other states [1]	5,900	3,100	4,500	+45
U. S. Total	368,100	314,900	318,150	+ 1

[1] Ala., Ariz., Conn., Idaho, Kans., La., Minn., Miss., Nebr., N. M., N. C., Okla., Ore., Tenn., Wash., and W. Va.

Citrus Fruit Production and Utilization

Prospective production of the 1957-58 crops of citrus fruits on March 1 was little changed from a month earlier, on the basis of a report by the Crop Reporting Board of USDA.

On March 1 the crop of oranges and tangerines was estimated at 116 million boxes, 15 percent below last year and 5 percent below average. This is the smallest U. S. crop since the 1949-50 season, the smallest Florida crop since 1952-53, and the smallest California orange crop since 1929-30.

Production of grapefruit on March 1 was estimated at 40.8 million boxes, 9 percent below last year and 12 percent below average.

Utilization

Utilization of oranges to March 1 totaled 66 million boxes compared with 61 million boxes at the same date a year ago. However, it is estimated that only 47 million boxes remain to be harvested, whereas 71 million boxes remained for harvest a year ago. Utilization of the crop for fresh market came to 23 million boxes or 7 percent fewer than at the same date a year ago, but utilization for processing is running 18 percent ahead of last year, with 43 million boxes from the 1957-58 crop processed by March 1.

Utilization of grapefruit to March totaled 28 million boxes compared with 24 million boxes a year ago. Utilization of the crop for fresh market totaled 14 million boxes compared with 13 million boxes a year ago. Processors have used 36 percent more grapefruit than at the same date a year ago.

Livestock and Meat Situation

Total meat production in 1958 is expected to be about 1 percent below that of 1957, according to a report by the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA on *The Livestock and Meat Situation*. An increase in the supply of pork, occurring largely in the fall, is not expected to offset decreases in other meats.

Supplies of meat for consumption per person are forecast at 154 pounds, 5 pounds less than last year. Reductions of 4 pounds or more in beef consumption, 1 pound in veal, and a fraction of a pound in lamb and mutton may be counterbalanced by an increase of about a pound in pork.

The lower supply in 1958 will end the three-year span during which meat supplies were exceptionally plentiful. However, the prospective consumption for 1958 is on a par with several years before 1955 when meat was considered abundant, comparable to consumption of 1944, 1946, 1947, 1953 and 1954, all of which were above average in meat supply.

Decline in Farm Units

The long-time downward trend in number of farms continued in 1957, according to USDA.

The estimated 4,855,800 farms in operation during 1957 represented a 2.3 percent decrease from the previous year and was more than a million farms or 17 percent under 10 years earlier.

Preliminary estimates indicate that approximately 4,750,000 farms will be operated in 1958.

The American Home

June Towne, food director, features six recipes in her article "Take A Can of Salmon" in the March issue of *The American Home* magazine.

The author says, "We're focusing our spotlight on canned salmon during the abstaining period of Lent, but hasten to point out that salmon, with its good source of protein and essential minerals and vitamins, is one canned food that you shouldn't disregard, for it contributes to better nutrition all the year 'round."

Recipes for salmon souffle, croquettes, sandwiches, loaf, salmon lasagne, and creamed salmon in toast baskets are given. The dishes are shown attractively pictured in color.

McCall's

"Wonderful Eating Starts Right Here," an article featuring canned salmon and tuna, appears in the March issue of *McCall's* magazine.

Just below the title of the article, the reader is told that there are eight recipes calling for salmon and eight recipes calling for tuna. A handsome photograph in color shows a salmon dish and a tuna dish, illustrating two of the recipes given.

In addition to canned salmon and tuna, the interesting variety of recipes includes canned lemon juice, tomato sauce, ripe olives, mushrooms, whole kernel corn, lima beans, and peas.

Each month *McCall's* carries a short feature of "best buys" for the current month. Canned foods are included in the feature and in the accompanying recipe and menu.

In the March feature the following canned foods are listed: corn, lima beans, peas, sauerkraut, tomatoes, tomato juice, fruit cocktail, purple plums, and pineapple.

Sunset

Among the food articles in the March *Sunset* magazine are two featuring canned foods in the recipes or suggestions.

One article, "A Picnic Buffet on the Tail-gate," gives four picnic menus that are easy to assemble and take along. In the "Roadside Smorgasbord" sardines, garbanzos, and tuna are used; in the "Chuck Wagon-Style Picnic" catsup, kidney beans, canned fruit and brown bread are used; the "Beach Barbecue" includes clam juice and shoestring potatoes; and the "Sports Picnic" has assorted fruit and vegetable juices, tomatoes, and kidney beans.

Another article, "Four Molded Beet Salads," begins, "This collection of molded beet salads should appeal to many western meal planners seeking an occasional change from the ever popular tossed green salads. All are very bright in color. When you combine beets and gelatin, you get your salads made well ahead of time, in interesting shapes or individual servings." Each of the four salad recipes uses canned beets. Other canned foods used are pineapple and consomme.

Woman's Day

In the March issue of *Woman's Day* magazine the article entitled "31 Money-saving Menus for March" includes canned foods in the menus and recipes on almost every day.

The menus with an accompanying recipe for each day of the month are interestingly set up in calendar form. Following the menu calendar is a list of "good buys for March" and this lists canned peas, whole kernel and cream style corn, green beans, and peaches.

There are 47 uses of canned foods in the menus and recipes.

The Workbasket Magazine

One of the food articles in the February issue of *The Workbasket* magazine is entitled "Meals In A Hurry." It features convenience foods and bases many of the recipes on canned products. This is a subscription-only magazine with an approximate circulation of 1½ million.

The introduction of the article says: "Where does the time go and how can we meet all of the obligations of the day? This is a thought many of us are confronted with nowadays. The day's meals become a part of this fully packed day. As the meals are planned and prepared, one finds much help and aid for quick meals by becoming familiar with new products on the market. Research institutes, home economists, in fact, the food industry in general is helping to meet this demand. The prepared mixes, the endless variety of canned and frozen foods, the already prepared meals, all help us to get a meal in a hurry."

Four black and white photographs illustrate the article. One shows a fruit caramel pie using canned fruits for salad, another shows pork and beans with barbecued franks using canned pork and beans and catsup. The description of another photograph says, "Keep some cans of special dishes on your pantry shelf for emergency as well as a quick meal planned ahead." It suggests keeping Spanish rice, chili can carne with beans, chili con carne without beans and tamales on the shelf. Still another photograph shows individual casseroles of canned macaroni in cheese sauce topped with canned cocktail sausages and sliced olives and canned tuna dinner.

Other canned foods used in recipes are corned beef hash, cream of chicken, cream of celery, tomato and mushroom soups, pineapple, tomatoes, and corn.

Banquet to Honor Ed Brown

A. Edward Brown, 1957 President of the N.C.A., will be honored at a banquet, March 20, at the Whitcomb Hotel, St. Joseph's, Mich. A social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. will precede the banquet, and tickets may be reserved from H. Thomas Dewhirst, secretary of the Michigan Frozen Food Packers Association, 360 Twelfth St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

This organization each year selects an outstanding individual who has made a substantial contribution over a period of years to the agricultural economy of the state. Mr. Brown's selection as Michigan's "Man-of-the-Year" was announced in the February 1 Information Letter.

He is the fourth recipient of the honor and the first from the canning industry. Mr. Brown left a successful law practice to enter the fruit and vegetable canning industry as an executive of Michigan Fruit Canners 12 years ago and is vice president and treasurer of the firm now. He has played an active role in the extensive growth of the firm in addition to his service to the N.C.A.

Frozen Food Packers

Leon C. Jones of the J. R. Simplot Co., Caldwell, Idaho, was elected president of the National Association of Frozen Food Packers at the group's 17th annual convention.

Harold J. Humphrey of the Birds Eye Division of General Foods Corp., White Plains, N. Y., was elected first vice president. W. F. Edwards of Pasco Packing Co., Dade City, Fla., was elected second vice president, and Lawrence S. Martin, Washington, D. C., was continued in office as secretary-manager.

Virginia Canners Association

T. C. Slaughter of T. C. Slaughter Co., Reedville, was elected president of the Virginia Canners Association recently at the association's 50th annual meeting.

S. G. Wimmer of S. G. Wimmer & Son, Christiansburg, was elected vice president. E. S. Marshall, Patterson & Marshall, Roanoke, was chosen secretary-treasurer and Robert A. Harris, Jr., Cople Canning Co., Kinsale, assistant secretary-treasurer.

New Process for Jelly

A new method of making jelly, using fruit juice concentrates rather than single-strength juices, has been developed by USDA scientists. It is a continuous process, which offers advantages in operational economy and quality control over the traditional batch process.

Instead of cooking single-strength juice in kettles with sugar and other ingredients until enough water is evaporated to make jelly, the new method involves pumping measured amounts of cold fruit juice concentrate, cold pectin solution, and hot sugar syrup together to make jelly continuously. The result is described as a jelly of good color and flavor undamaged by long cooking. It is not necessary to heat the jelly to a temperature higher than 180° F.

Using this process, the USDA researchers have produced jellies of several flavors.

The new method was developed at the USDA Western Utilization Research and Development Division at Albany, Calif., which has prepared a report on the research findings.

Preventing Blueberry Clumping

USDA research on blueberry clumping has revealed a method of preventing it. Clumping is the sticking together of canned berries while the surrounding water or syrup remains fluid.

At the USDA Western Utilization Research and Development Division, Albany, Calif., a recent study sought to learn the cause of clumping and practical methods to prevent it. Eleven blueberry varieties were experimentally processed and canned. Nearly all showed some clumping, though some much less than others.

The research showed that varieties which tended to clump moderately will clump more severely as the processing temperature is raised. The studies also revealed that the bloom on the berries is a waxy substance which melts with heat, then acts as an adhesive to hold masses of berries together during the cooling after canning.

The remedy developed by the USDA research is to agitate the cans during cooling to keep the berries separate. Once the product has cooled, agitation is of no help against clumping.

Gross National Product, 1957

Gross national product in 1957 totaled $434½ billion, with the nation's output at a new high in volume as well as in value, according to the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The dollar rise from 1956 amounted to about 5 percent. The real volume of goods and services was up about 1 percent, and higher prices accounted for the remainder of the increase.

On a quarterly basis, the succession of advances which began in 1954 continued through the summer of 1957, when the dollar value of GNP reached an annual rate of $440 billion before dropping back to $432½ billion in the final quarter. The latter figure compares with $426 billion for the final quarter of 1956.

Personal income in 1957 was at a record of $343½ billion, despite a $1½ billion decline in the annual rate of flow from the third quarter to the fourth.

With disposable personal income up $13½ billion from 1956 to 1957, consumer spending rose by about the same amount. The remainder of the $20 billion GNP increase was mostly in government purchases, as federal outlays for defense were almost $3½ billion above 1956 and state and local expenditures advanced $3 billion.

IRS Proposal on Expense Deductions by Individuals

The Internal Revenue Service has published in the *Federal Register* of March 12 a proposed regulation which would require a listing of the total amount of business expenses only by the taxpayer who does not account to his employer for such expenses.

Under the proposal, the employee who does account to his employer for his business expenses will not be required to report such expenses on his tax return, either itemized or in total amount. This taxpayer, however, would state on his return that business expense funds received by him did not exceed the ordinary and necessary busines expenses paid by the employee, or if they did that the excess has been included in income.

If this provision in the proposed regulation is adopted, this requirement would substitute for the present "Line 6a" requirement on the tax return for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1957.

The IRS proposal would require that an employee who does not account to his employer must report on his return the total of expenses, including expenses for travel, transportation, entertainment and other purposes, which are incurred by the employee under a reimbusement or other arrangement with the employer, or "are otherwise charged directly or indirectly to his employer."

Also, the employee who does not account to his employer would be required to include a statement showing his occupation, the number of days away from home on business, and the amount of his expenses, including those charged to the employer, broken down into broad categories.

The proposed regulation makes it clear that the IRS may require any taxpayer to substantiate information concerning the expense account as may appear warranted in determining tax liability, but the taxpayer will not ordinarily be called upon to do so (except in the cases of expenses for which the employee does not have to account to his employer).

The IRS said its proposed regulation is designed to minimize abuse of business expense accounts so as to produce tax free income, while not imposing upon millions of other taxpayers unnecesary hardship which detailed recordkeeping of relatively minor expense accounts would require.

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Forthcoming Meetings

March 18—National Canners Association, Northwest Branch, 20th Annual Canned Salmon Cutting, Olympic Hotel, Seattle

March 21-22—Utah Canners Association, 46th Annual Convention, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City

March 24-25—Canners League of California, 54th Annual Meeting, Santa Barbara Biltmore, Santa Barbara

March 24-28—Oregon State College, 2d annual Food Science Short Course (SQC), Dept. of Food Technology, Corvallis

March 26-27—Wisconsin Canners Association, Spring Meeting, Madison

March 28-29—Northwest Canners and Freezers Association, Annual Membership Conference, Gearhart, Ore.

April 11—Canners Conference, University of California, Davis

April 11—Ohio Canners Association, Annual Spring Meeting, Barr Hotel, Lima

April 20-23—U. S. Wholesale Grocers Association, Grocery Distribution Exposition, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis

April 20-23—National Fisheries Institute, Annual Convention, Sheraton-Palace, San Francisco

April 25-26—Institute of Sanitation Management, 1st annual Regional Conference, C & H Sugar Refining Corp., Crockett, Calif.

April 27-30—Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., 46th Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

May 5-7—Purdue Industrial Waste Conference, Purdue Memorial Union Bldg., Lafayette, Ind.

May 5-9—National Restaurant Association, 39th Annual Convention and Exposition, Chicago

May 11-14—Processed Apples Institute, 7th Annual Meeting, Seaview Country Club, Absecon, N. J.

May 22-23—National Canners Association, Spring Meeting of Board of Directors, Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D. C.

May 25-28—Super Market Institute, 21st Annual Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.

June 8-9—Michigan Canners and Freezers Association, Spring Meeting, Park Place Hotel, Traverse City

June 8-12—National Association of Retail Grocers, 59th Annual Convention, New York

June 12-13—California Olive Association, Annual Technical Conference, Casa Munras, Monterey

June 23-25—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., Midyear Meeting, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

July 7-25—Indiana Canners Association, Annual Canners Techniciana School, Purdue University, Lafayette

July 27-29—International Apple Association, Inc., 64th Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec

Oct. 16-18—Florida Canners Association, 27th Annual Convention, Americana Hotel, Bal Harbour

Oct. 25-26—Super Market Institute, Midyear Conference, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles

Nov. 4-5—Iowa-Nebraska Canners Association, Canners and Fieldmen's Conference, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines

Nov. 6—Illinois Canners Association, Fall Meeting, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago

Nov. 10—Wisconsin Canners Association, Annual Convention, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee

Nov. 10-12—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., Annual Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City

Nov. 19-21—Indiana Canners Association, Fall Meeting, French Lick

Nov. 23-24—Pennsylvania Canners Association, 44th Annual Convention, Yorktowne Hotel, York

Nov. 24-25—Michigan Canners and Freezers Association, Fall Meeting, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids

Dec. 1-2—Ohio Canners Association, 51st Annual Convention, Dayton Biltmore Hotel, Dayton

Dec. 4-5—New York State Canners and Freezers Association, 73d Annual Convention, Hotel Statler, Buffalo

Dec. 13—National Food Sales Conference, National Food Brokers Association, Chicago

Jan. 19-21—Northwest Canners and Freezers Association, 3rd Annual Convention, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore.

Feb. 21-24—National Canners Association and Canning Machinery and Supplies Association, 52d Annual Convention, The Conrad Hilton, Chicago

Status of Legislation

Agricultural trade development—S. 3420, to raise Title I authorizations from $4 to $7.5 billion and to extend P. L. 480 for two years, to June 30, 1960, was reported by Senate Agriculture Committee March 8.

Alaska statehood—H. R. 7999, to provide statehood for Alaska, was reported by House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee June 25, 1957. S. 49, Alaska statehood, and S. 50, Hawaii statehood, were reported by Senate Interior Committee Aug. 29, 1957.

CCC equity payments—S. 2426 (Ellender of La.), to authorize CCC to acquire title to unredeemed loan collateral without obligation to make equity payments, is pending before Senate Agriculture Committee.

Customs drawback—H. R. 9919, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to extend the privilege of substitution for the purpose of obtaining drawback upon reexportation of all classes of merchandise, was passed by the House Feb. 27.

Farmworkers housing—H. R. 9057, to provide for five-year amortization of housing facilities for farmworkers, was reported by House Ways and Means Committee Aug. 21, 1957.

FDA food additives—H. R. 6747 (Harris of Ark.) and S. 1895 (Hill of Ala.), the Administration-sponsored bill, H. R. 8390 (Harris of Ark.), H. R. 8629 (Wolverton of N. J.) and other food additives bills are pending before the Health and Science Subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee. N.C.A. supports H. R. 8390 and H. R. 8629

Fisheries loan fund—S. 2720, to increase the loan fund authorization from $10 million to $13 million, was passed by the Senate Aug. 20, 1957. S. 3295, to increase the authorization from $10 to $20 million, was reported by the Senate Commerce Committee March 11.

ICC agricultural exemption—S. 1689 (Magnuson of Wash.) and H. R. 5823 (Harris of Ark.), to amend the agricultural exemption in sec. 203 (b)(6) of the Interstate Commerce Act, have been introduced.

ICC private carrier definition—S. 1677 (Magnuson of Wash.) and H. R. 5825 (Harris of Ark.), to amend the definition of a private motor carrier, as recommended by the ICC, was the subject of hearings by the Senate Surface Transportation Subcommittee May 6-10, 1957.

ICC private carrier registration—S. 1490 (Magnuson of Wash.) and H. R. 5664 (Harris of Ark.), to require private motor carriers to register with the ICC annually, was approved by the Senate Surface Transportation Subcommittee April 12, 1957, and further action on the bill was postponed indefinitely.

Marketing orders—H. R. 8367 (Sisk of Calif.) is designed to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to continue marketing orders in effect even after parity is reached. No action scheduled.

Marketing orders, cranberries—S. 1680 (10 Senators from 5 cranberry producing states) and other bills to amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act so as to authorize marketing orders for cranberries for canning, were the subject of hearings by a Senate Agriculture Subcommittee April 20, 1957. N.C.A. opposes.

Mexican farm labor—H. R. 10360 (Gathings of Ark.), to extend indefinitely the authority under P. L. 78, 82d Congress, to import Mexican nationals for employment in agriculture, was the subject of hearings by a House Agriculture Subcommittee Feb. 28-March 8.

Packers and Stockyards Act—S. 1356 (O'Mahoney of Wyo.), to transfer antitrust jurisdiction over meat packing operations from USDA to FTC, was reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee July 18, 1957. H. R. 9020, to retain USDA antitrust jurisdiction on exclusive meat packing operations, was reported by House Agriculture Committee July 9, 1957, and H. R. 11234, also relating to antitrust jurisdiction, was approved by House Commerce Committee, with amendment, March 11.

Potato marketing and labeling—A number of bills to prohibit the sale of potatoes of a lower grade than U. S. No. 2, under certain conditions, were the subject of hearings by the House Agriculture Committee and by the Senate Agriculture Committee in 1957. N.C.A. opposes application to canning.

Premerger notification—H. R. 7698 (Celler of N. Y.), to require 60 days notice prior to merger of corporations having total book value of more than $10 million, was reported by House Judiciary Committee May 28, 1957.

Raw product bargaining—S. 1743 and S. 2444 (Aiken), to legalize organized bargaining for agricultural commodities under certain conditions, has been referred to Senate Agriculture Committee; and H. R. 6799 (Bow of Ohio) and H. R. 7807 (Bentley of Mich.) have been referred to House Judiciary Committee. No action scheduled.

Robinson-Patman Act—S. 11 (Kefauver of Tenn.) and H. R. 11 (Patman of Tex.), to restrict the good faith defense against a charge of price discrimination, was approved without recommendation, by Senate Antitrust Subcommittee June 21, 1957, and is pending before the Judiciary Committee.

Trade Agreements Act—H.R. 10368 (Mills of Ark.), to amend and extend the Trade Agreements Act, is the subject of hearings begun by the House Ways and Means Committee Feb. 17.

Wage-Hour—S. 1853 (Kennedy of Mass.), which includes proposal to eliminate overtime fishery exemption, was approved, without recommendation, by Senate Labor Subcommittee May 7, 1957.

Waste disposal—H. R. 1082 (Byrnes of Wis.), H. R. 2463 (Lipscomb of Calif.), and H. R. 4234 (Simpson of Pa.), to allow rapid amortization of waste disposal facilities and treatment works, have been introduced. N.C.A. supports the proposal, which is before House Ways and Means Committee.

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